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Docket No. H 4172 PCT/US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RE: PCT/EP00/06162
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Applicant: Heilemann, et al.
Title: PREPARATIONS CONTAINING NO CROSS-LINKING AGENTS
Applicants' Reference: H 4172 PCT/US

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Prior to the calculation of fees and examination of the above-identified national stage application pursuant to the accompanying submission under 35 U.S.C. §371, please amend the English translation of the International Application submitted herewith, without prejudice, as follows:

In the Specification:

Please amend the instant Specification, without prejudice, as follows:

Please delete all text above line 7 of page 1, including the heading "Prior Art", and replace the deleted matter with the following new section headings and title of the invention:

--TITLE OF THE INVENTION

Processes for Preparing Crosslinker-Free, Biopolymer-Containing
Three Dimensional Structures, and Products Prepared Thereby

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

At page 3, line 3 thereof, please delete the section heading "Description of the